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Want to make a suggestion for this newsletter?

**We want to hear from you!
What would you like to see more of in this newsletter?**

Email all inquiries to newsletter@lpcolorado.org. If you have any general questions about the party, Libertarianism, or just want to chat it up with fellow Libertarians, email info@lpcolorado.org, and we'll get you squared away in no time.

Thanks for your continued support, and for helping us make history in Colorado!

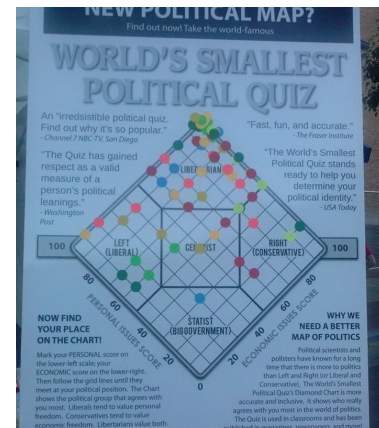
Volunteers Make Chili Fest a Huge Success!

Late in September we attended the Chile Fest in Pueblo, and we had a blast! We had so many people stop by to speak with us and had just about 100 quizzes from festival goers, and a few dozen signed up to learn more about the Party. That is an amazing outcome in a County that is 3 to 1 Democrat.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers that helped make this possible at Chile Fest! If you are a volunteer for us, please keep your eye out for an upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Night with special prizes for those who have dedicated their time and other resources to promote Liberty! We appreciate all of you. If you would like to get involved, please contact me directly at outreachdirector@lpcolorado.org, and read about other opportunities in this issue. Towards Liberty!

-Stephanie Davis

Outreach Director



Big Plans For 2016

As Membership Director, I spend a lot of time thinking about ways that our volunteers can help out. There is always something to do, as it turns out, and sometimes we get stuck thinking in vague terms, and say things like, “we have to get the message out.” That’s true, our message does matter. It helps that it’s resonating with people all across this country. That makes our job easier.



But the message alone will not get the job done. There are over 32,000 registered Libertarians in Colorado, by the most recent count. Back when our party managed to run a full slate of candidates fifteen years ago, we had less than a quarter of that number. We meet many of these people at outreach events, online, and in other places. So many of them want to know what they can do to help, and we have an answer for them.

We want to have a full slate of delegates once again in 2016. It can be done, but it won't be easy. We will have calls to make, envelopes to stuff, doors to knock on, papers to file, more calls to make, money to raise, events to organize, press kits to compile, websites to build and manage, and campaigns to maintain. We will be recruiting candidates up until every last deadline is reached, and those candidates will need support.

I would personally like to begin the process of producing a printed version of this newsletter, and mail them to members. I would like to see

this party shake things up like it has done in the past. I would like to get our candidates into debates, and see their names in print and in every Voter's Guide. I would like to get the various regions of our state to work together (Western Slope, Mountain, Southern, etc).

And I would like to see us win. By focusing efforts on local races, and any race that proves significantly favorable upon analysis, I believe it can be done.

But I cannot stress this enough: you cannot wait for other members to get involved and do it for you. Do not think that someone else will step in. Do not take the current wave of Libertarianism in politics for granted. A lot of work still needs to be done, and there is a role for everyone to play.

We have a full Board of qualified and dedicated leaders, and we are ready to take things to the next level. We need a few dozen volunteers that are passionate, motivated, committed, and ready start right away. If you are not already on our volunteer list, respond to this email and you will be included in the first Volunteer Appreciation mixer (dates and location TBD).

Are you ready to be a part of making history (again) in Colorado?

In Liberty,
Alan Hayman
Membership Director

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO

2016 CONVENTION

Did you miss the October 11th deadline for your early bird all-access admission to the 2016 LPCO Convention? NO WORRIES! **We have decided to extend the deadline for the early bird pricing through Veterans Day.** Make sure you purchase your admission before then so you can enjoy all the perks of the Convention at the low price of only \$100!

The 2016 Libertarian Party of Colorado State Convention will be held March 11th-13th at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dust off your finest gangster attire and flapper dresses, for this year we're going with a Roaring 20s theme -- a time when Prohibition was the rule, and Speakeasys were the response.

Details are still being hammered out for the Convention, but Friday night will be a Speakeasy Casino Night, Saturday night will be a banquet that will be on the more "posh" side of the 20s, and Saturday and Sunday will feature seminars from speakers on diverse topics. Depending on confirmed number of attendee candidates vying for the LP Presidential nomination, there is even a chance of a debate. We will keep you posted on the likelihood of a debate in future issues of the newsletter, and on social media. As of this writing, two presidential candidates are likely to be in attendance.

Of course, the business session of the Convention is always presented at no charge. 2016 being an election year, the business session will include candidate nominations, LPCO Board elections, and any Constitution, Bylaws, or Platform discussion or changes.

Visit www.LPColorado.org/convention for more Convention details as they progress, and store.LPColorado.org to purchase your all-access admission while it is still on sale! Are you a business owner in need of some advertising, or do you want to help us out by sponsoring the Convention in any way? Advertising in the Convention program, merchant booths, and sponsorships are available for purchase at store.LPColorado.org as well.

DID YOU MISS IT?

MISS WHAT, YOU SAY?
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DON'T FRET! WE'VE
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STATE CONVENTION
MARCH 11-13, 2016
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



NOW IS THE TIME: Become a Candidate Now!

The only point I can see in having a Libertarian electoral political party with guaranteed ballot access, as we have here in Colorado, is so that we can elect candidates to office.

We of the Colorado Libertarian Party are excited about our chances. There are any number of offices at the city, county and state level that we need candidates for. We are taking steps right now hoping to be all over the ballot in every jurisdiction in 2016!

Do you want to run? There will be ballot slots open for "line holder" candidates, but we're hoping that at least a few of the many candidates who will run as Libertarians in 2016 will be able to devote the time to run a *serious* campaign for office. Build a team. Raise and spend money. Walk the precincts. Meet voters.



It will not be a walk in the park, but whenever we run a full slate of candidates and run serious campaigns, our party grows and our chances improve.

The entry door for the "upstart" Libertarian candidate who genuinely wants to climb the electoral ladder is the lower offices: City council. County commission. Water board. School board, etc.

Let's get serious. Let's start now. Get active. Get your run for 2016 going while it's still 2015. The Democrats and Republicans aren't going to climb down and give us their seats for free. We have to work for it, at least as hard as they do, and even harder, as I'm sure you know!

And if you're ready and willing to run, please contact me at campaigns@lpcolorado.org

-Jack Woehr
Campaigns Director



OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS SEEKING APPOINTMENT to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and/or Platform Committee being seated for the 2016 Convention of Libertarian Party of Colorado.

Article VI - COMMITTEES Section 2 of the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Colorado states:

Section 2: The Board shall solicit applications for the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee and set the appointment date for these positions by announcement to all Party members at least six months prior to the Party Convention. The Board shall appoint a five at-large members at an open Board meeting held at least one month after the final solicitation but no later than four months prior to the Party Convention. If any vacancies occur in the at-large positions, the Board of Directors may select Party members to fill the vacancies. The Board shall select the committee Chairs from the members of each committee.

Pursuant to this, as of October 12, 2015 the Board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado solicits from Party members applications for appointment to the above-mentioned committees, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Platform Committee. Nominations will be accepted up to and including November 20, 2015, with appointments to be selected as described above at a special meeting of the Board for that purpose on December 7, 2015.